

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLVES ACT

Complaints Cause Return To Original Lunch Hour Schedule

With nine complaining citizens representing parents of Quanton School children present at the School Board meeting Monday night, the Board members passed a resolution to rescind their previous decision made five weeks ago to set the time for reopening school for all grades at 1 p. m. after the second term starts.

Shain's Store Is Center of Rapid Village Growth

Interesting history shows early development followed first needs of settlers under leadership of R. T. Merrill.

Chapter 1

Shain's Store site has always been linked with important things in Birmingham life. From the days when Roswell T. Merrill, identified with every progressive business activity of the Birmingham of his day, built a shop to manufacture threshing machines on the site...

Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M.

The Postoffice Building, a new brick edifice erected by J. Allen Bigelow (Mrs. Irwin Neff's father) for his general store...

First National Bank

had its beginning on the site, the electric office was upstairs, and the telephone office was housed inside at one time as well.

But to Roswell T. Merrill

Coming early with the vanguard of those rushing in to the new lands here after 1820 with knapsacks and axes energetically prospecting the country in search of choice tracts to establish their homes or with their families and household goods, over the muddy ball line road from Detroit to Piedmont or via Mt. Clemens and the Clinton river—Roswell T. Merrill.

First mention of him in written history

is made concerning his purchase in 1832, of a foundry operated by horsepower, a little back from the main street, in the rear of F. Blakely's store at that time, and very close to what is now the Shain Store site.

The foundry had been built in 1828 by John Hunter, as the third industry in Piety Hill.

The first township meeting had been held in May, 1827, (and incidentally 35 bounty had been exact as the bounty to be paid for each wolf killed within the limits of the township).

And the very first industry in the new community had started in 1827, a sawmill built by Elijah Willets, on the west end of the Pontiac road near the north end of the village of Birmingham (close to the present Shain store).

The same year, 1827, the frame tavern known as the north wing of the National Hotel.

Start of the Roswell T. Merrill partnership.

George Allen was in the first Roswell T. Merrill partnership. Merrill, however, obtained two new partners, one a cashier of a bank in Detroit. They built and in addition built the shop manufacturing threshing machines as the Old Academy, as previously mentioned.

Merrill was in the foundry and machine shop manufacturing threshing-machines, for several years, then the partners withdrew and Merrill's son, George W. Merrill, joined him, later carrying on the business alone. Finally all but the threshing-machine shop (afterward The Old Academy) was consumed by fire in May 1854.

Merrill's activities in the meantime were concerned with the first merchandising business in the village, in that he built the store on the main street, which housed the mercantile business. Later the store was occupied and owned by F. Blakely.

remain the same next semester as it has been all year. While only 226 families out of the 1,200 families of 1827 were represented in the Birmingham school system, have children in the Quanton school, no complaints were received by the Board from any other schools, the Board felt that the complaints of mothers in the district would be better spent on solving questions of a weightier nature, according to Leigh Lynch, president of the Board.

Exchangites Told About Mussolini

Weldon Crossland, pastor of the Pontiac Central Methodist church, was the speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club, held in the Community House. He was the guest of Charles A. Bingham.

Rev. Crossland spoke on Benito Mussolini, Italy's premier, referring to him as "one of today's really great men." He declared that Italy needs a man of Mussolini's power, due to the immediate future period when Italy was rapidly disintegrating because of corrupt politics.

Next evening in answering Col. Henry Pickett, Detroit U. S. Customs official, will be the speaker.

During 1930 Dr. O. O. Beck and Ralph Wilson, local druggists, earned a perfect attendance record for the year, never having missed a day of work.

Reports were read by secretary H. Kenneth Bingham and treasurer L. W. Martindale; the club showed a healthy financial standing, and now has 42 members.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daley of Floyer Creek gave a surprise party Saturday night for their son, Wilbur. Guests were: Miss Mabel Luscomb, Miss Sarah Brooks, Miss Ellen Shain, Miss Norma Martin, Miss Sarah Moreland, Miss Edith Gaskill, and Hugh Erb.

Five pledges of Phi Sigma Pi, entertained the local Alpha chapter, and Council and Beta chapters, from Detroit, last night at the home of Mrs. M. C. Gray.

Fred W. Boehm returned Thursday after a stay in New York City. Miss Louise Gray was visiting in the east for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shaw and Miss Margaret Shaw will motor to Kentucky, Fla., to spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mann entertained friends for tea Sunday afternoon followed by a buffet-dinner.

Miss Delphine Shay entertained at a soiree party Sunday afternoon followed by a buffet-dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Wallace have a party in 1840 and later the Miss Esther Booth of Grand Rapids who arrived Friday.

NEW AUSTIN AGENCY ESTABLISHED HERE

The establishment of an Austin automobile sales agency in Birmingham in the C. L. Gravin building at 123 South Woodward avenue is announced this week by Mr. Gravin who has charge of the mobile, referred to as the "Bantam car," has established records which exceed the best marks previously established in these fields.

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ship Board which exercises full authority over Township affairs," said McCallum, manager of the Temple Store, who has his intention to run for justice of the peace and another position of justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Corvett on the township board also will be contested. The postoffice has been held by Mr. Horace P. Shaw, who will not again be a candidate for the board of review.

The candidacy of Arthur J. Taggery for justice of the peace, full term, also was announced last night.

Seek Re-Nomination Mrs. R. Margaret Thomas, treasurer; John E. Wilson, highway commissioner; and Mr. Bayley, clerk, will be candidates to succeed themselves. Another position to be filled, is that of a member of the board of review.

Bert Allen of West Long Lake road and Sam Howling have also taken out applications for the office of highway commissioner, Mr. Bayley says.

The township offices in the Municipal Building will be kept open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. in Birmingham, and in the registration books will be closed for two weeks prior to the election, making the last day of registration Feb. 14.

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Calendar of Coming Events

Today—Bababacks install office; Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. Entered Apprentice degree, 7:30 p. m. Masonic Temple; 4 p. m. Scouts annual mid-winter; Court W. H. Aulenback speaks; 6 p. m. Community House; Girl Scouts ball, Firemen vs. DeMolay; Barnum 8:30.

Thursday, Jan. 22—8 p. m. Birmingham Teachers' Club meeting; Anne Frierson, playwright, speaker; Basketball, First State vs. B. C. Quarter 8:30; Merchants, Quanton 8:30.

Friday, Jan. 23—Masonic dance in the Masonic Temple ballroom, by Birm. chap. No. 23 R. A. M. and Lodge No. 44 F. & A. M.; K. of P. dance; Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wright sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Union and Missionary Guild, in the church at 8 p. m.; Mrs. Charles Knissinn, general chairman.

Saturday, Jan. 24—Village Players dance at the Community House; Exchange House; Basketball, Fitch vs. E. M. T. Barnum 8:30 p. m.

Wed. Jan. 21—Ladies Aid Society; M. E. Church meets with Mrs. Roy Meyer; Rev. Clarence Wright's installation as pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Y. M. C. A. dramatic club presents two plays; Fellowship meeting.

With few exceptions, the problem of economy in government is the task of each citizen as the public official who can be of most service to the community is the public official who can be of most service to the community.

Mr. Gray's talk dealt chiefly with recent expenditures in various departments of government, and especially emphasized the mounting costs of conducting the affairs of Oakland County during the past decade. He cited figures to show that Oakland County had advanced a maximum of local public indebtedness; "the present amount of our county debt, not including the debt of the various departments," said Mr. Gray.

Blames Land Promoters Mr. Gray held that much of the fact of the existence of real estate including stockholders of land companies who, in the hope of the public, are their inducement to obtain public improvements far beyond economic soundness.

Mr. Gray referred to the present high county indebtedness for drains, which amounts to approximately \$100,000.00; he stated that many of those who petitioned for the drains were the first to repudiate their costs, so that the burden of paying for them has fallen upon the general tax roll.

The solution lies in the necessity of the public to inform itself upon every public question that involves the spending of money," said Mr. Gray. "We should be posted upon all bond issues, and never accept an issue unless we are able to pay for it."

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beautiful emblem in token of appreciation of his long and faithful services.

Prior to the installation, a banquet was spread for 60 members and invited guests. Impromptu speaking by old and young members who gave their experiences, some witty, some humorous, some filled with enthusiastic prophecy for the future and praise for past accomplishments, were heard.

Three new teams were organized for conferring on township ranks, and several committees appointed to take care of new and unmet features. Many new and unmet features will be introduced during the registration season, and in the future, the registration season will have an important attribute of the township, which is the process of organization for the purpose of simplifying the "Leprosy of Friendship," which is conferred publicly.

The township membership looks forward to a happy and prosperous year.

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Hold Fellowship Meeting The Fellowship meeting of the Baptist church, including the regular monthly dinner will be held in the church next Wednesday night. Reservations must be made before Tuesday night.

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